

**MAYOR: MARK A. HODGE**

The minutes of the regular board meeting of the corporate authorities of the Village of Hopkins Park, Kankakee County Illinois was held on **April 20, 2017**.

**Village Members**

**Mayor** Mark A. Hodge, **Village Deputy Clerk** Phyllis Goodloe **Treasurer** Kent Nichols, **Trustees**, Louis Barnes, Rosemary Foster, Tonia Thomas, Lonnie Jarrett, Jamol Robinson, Ruthel Teague.

**Members Absent or Late**

Lonnie Jarrett – Absent

**Prayer**

**Louis Barnes**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call & Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by **Mayor Mark Hodge** at 6:00 p.m., Five Trustees were present.

A quorum was present.

**Approvals & Motions**

A motion to approve AMENDED April 6, 2017 regular board meeting minutes two deletions were made (indicated by strikethrough on amended minutes). Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 2 Absent.

A motion to approve Bill Warrants for April 20, 2017. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent.

A motion to approve 2016 Annual Audit was tabled, pending complete report with Auditors Recommendations being sent to Board of Trustees.

A motion to approve Amended Ordinance No. 2016-O-07 Banning Off Road Vehicles at Rodeo Park.. Motion was made second and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent.

**Mayors Report- Mark A. Hodge****Mayor Hodge Discussed:**

- Mayor discussed Off Road Vehicle Ordinance amendment, as a need to protect children playing at Rodeo Park, and for their overall safety. The Amendment restricts ATV at Rodeo Park; signs will be ordered and displayed regarding restriction and park hours.
- Mayor provided time frame of approximately 30 days for installation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pump installation at Main and Spinning Wheel Rd.
- Mayor announced that Village will be looking for an assistant for the treasurer must have QuickBooks experience, in the long run this hire will save money for the Village of Hopkins, by reducing Treasurer's hours.
- Job description will be posted for \$12.00 an hour, 6 ½ hours for the 1<sup>st</sup> 30day for training, hours varying after training. Assistant will be supervised by Treasurer.
- Ordinance Tickets need to be reprinted due to error.
- Mayor to meet with Mr. Hoekstra to discuss purchase of land.

- Payment to Pembroke Township for trimming bushes in ditches on Colonel Estates and 4000 E. Road (Cemetery Rd).
- Mayor expressed his disappointment about recent meetings being held by the Field Museum that aren't inclusive of local Officials, regarding land usage and land refuge.

**Deputy Clerks Report- Phyllis Goodloe**

- Deputy Clerk provided Board of Trustees with a copy of a letter from the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding water quality and the Honorable Mention Award for compliance.
- Deputy also provided the Board a sample format to be placed in Village Newsletters reporting water test results for the community.

**Treasurer Report- Kent Nichols**

- Treasurer discussed the \$40.00 debit card charge not detailed on the April 6, 2017 Bill Warrants as the cost for the Ester Eggs.
- Treasurer reported on revenue and expenses for the April 20, 2017 Bill Warrants

**Attorney Report**

*James Bartley – No Report*

**Code Enforcer/Building Inspector**

**Bruce Collins- Absent**

**Superintendent of Streets**

*Jamol Robinson- No Report*

**Standing Committee Comments & Reports**

**Trustee Ruthel Teague –**

- Trustee Teague thanked the community for their support of the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Trustee Louis Barnes –**

- Voiced his concern over the condition of the new Road Commissioner, Jamal Robinson's yard, and asked him directly to clean up loads of cement. Response; that the materials in the yard are recyclable and they will be removed once recycling begins.

**Trustee Tonia Thomas – No report**

**Trustee Lonnie Jarrett - Absent**

**Trustee Jamol Robinson – No Report**

**Trustee Rosemary Foster – No Report**

**Old Business**

- No Old Business

**New Business**

- No New Business

**Public Comments, Questions & Announcements**

- Revolved around the US Fish & Wildlife's, Nature Conservancy and Field Museum's plans for our community.
- Discussion about land usage and weather we should work with or oppose their efforts.
- Questions also revolved around the Referendum on the November 2016 ballot where the voter voted overwhelming in opposition.
- Mayor instructed the community to contact their elected government officials; by sending letters of concern. Send your letters to: Congresswomen, Robin Kelly; Senator Dick Durbin; Senator Toi Hutchinson
- Community member stated the Field Museum, US Fish & Wildlife, and Nature Conservancy are calling the Hispanic community harassing them about attending meetings, easements and selling their land.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion was made, second and carried by a vote of 5Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent

**Mark A. Hodge, Mayor**

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Phyllis Goodloe, Village Deputy Clerk